Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, December 27th, 1882.

The City Council met last night in the City Clerk's office, Mayor Meredith presiding, Ald. Pritchard, Birrell, Hunt, Taylor, Peel, Sharman, Boyd, Higgins, Jones, Minhinnick, Skinner, Hyman, O'Meara, Murray, Ferguson, Crawford, Beattie, Sharman and Peel being in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Jane Insell, Job Cook, Sarah Tweedy, E. Finnegan, W. Westlake, W. Strathdee & Son, Mary Banks and A. M. Shrieves asking remission of taxes.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the petition of Mary Banks be granted. Carried.

Remainder referred to Committee No. 1.

From the fish dealers, asking for a reduction in their rent. No. 3.

From W. Y. Brunton, offering his services as one of the assessors, at the salary named by the Council. Edward Towe, to the same effect. No. 1.

ACCOUNTS.

From Free Press Printing Company, $196.04, and M. D. Dawson, $12.00, was referred to No. 1 Committee.

A TAX DIFFICULTY.

Mr. John Darch appeared before the Council asking that certain taxes on a couple of houses which were not finished when the assessors were on their rounds, but which were assessed as much as if they were inhabited, be struck off. $1 taxes in excess of notice was remitted.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

A by-law was read appointing two Collegiate Institute Trustees in the place of Messrs. Williams and Powell, who were about to retire.

Nominations were made as follows:—Ald. Peel and Sharman and Messrs. Dr. Sippi and John Williams.

An open vote was then taken with the following result:—

Peel	14
Williams	7
Dr. Sippi	8
Sharman	13

Mr. Williams being the lowest his name was dropped and the second vote resulted as follows:—

Peel	16
Sippi	10
Sharman	15

The Mayor then declared Ald. Peel and Sharman duly elected.

Ald. Peel and Sharman returned thanks in a few well-chosen words.

The by-law was then read twice.

On the third reading, Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the name of Dr. Sippi be substituted for that of Ald. Sharman.

Ald. Boyd moved, in amendment, that the by-law be now read a third time and passed.

The amendment was declared carried.

A BONUS BY-LAW.

A by-law providing for the granting of a bonus to the London Junction Railway, and to be voted on at the forthcoming elections, was read.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment that the question of running on the streets be incorporated in the by-law.

Ald Taylor seconded. Lost.

Ald. Higgins moved in amendment to the amendment that $20,000 be substituted in place of $30,000, seconded by Ald. Taylor. Lost.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the by-law granting the London Junction Railway running powers on the streets, be rescinded. Lost.

The yeas and nays were recorded as follows:—

Yeas—Pritchard, Taylor, Skinner, Jones, Higgins, Buckle.—6

Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Peel, Sharman, Boyd, Minhinnick, Hyman, O'Meara, Murray, Ferguson, Crawford, Beattie.—12

The by-law was then read a third time and passed.

STREET CLOSING.

By-laws for closing portions of John and Mill streets were read twice and referred to the new Council for their final reading.